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1. On 5 June 1947 five ships, ranging from 2,000 tons to 5,000 tons, as well as fifteen small sailboats, lay at anchor in the harbor at Wismar; four more were anchored in the roads. The ships were Swedish, Danish, and Dutch, and, for the most part, were loading sugar. The crews were permitted to go ashore, and almost all members were of the opinion that the cargoes of the ships in question are intended for Russia. In the shipyard, where Russian and German ships are laid up for repairs, work is going on at high speed. Although laborers have been drafted from all parts of Mecklenburg to do this work, the Waggonfabrik Wismar (Wismar car factory), whose employees number between 2,000 and 3,000 men, has had to place so many of its personnel at the disposal of the shipyard that it has only been able to operate on one shift.
2. On 6 June 1947 two Finnish and two Russian steamships, weighing about 4,000 tons each, lay at anchor in the harbor at Rostock. They were loading fertilizers and cases of dismantled goods. The Neptunwerft (Neptun shipyard) in Rostock is operating at high speed. Four destroyers (German or Russian make) and ten minesweepers were at the shipyard for repairs. The harbor and the shipyard are surrounded with a board fence, and there is a watchtower manned by a Russian sentry every 100 meters. There are about 7,000 tank and infantry troops and 1,000 marines stationed in the city.
3. On 7 June four steamships (Finnish and Swedish) and eight sailboats were anchored in the Stralsund harbor. The ships were loading potatoes, sugar, and rye for shipment to Russia. The garrison in Stralsund numbers about 4,000 men.

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